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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Change 1 to Army National Guard (ARNG) GI Bill Kicker Program Policy

1. References:

- a. Army National Guard (ARNG) GI Bill Kicker Program Policy, dated 21 Oct 2005
- b. Army National Guard "College First" Enlistment Option (NGB-ARH Policy Memo #06-028, dated 25 April 06).

2. Effective 1 May 2006, applicants who enlist under the "College First" enlistment option for at least 6 years (6x2 or 8x0) will receive a \$350 ARNG GI Bill Kicker if they enlist into a critical MOS and MTOE unit per current ARNG SRIP policy. Window for applicants is 20060501-20060930 and limited to 1,000 Soldiers per month.

3. When contracting Soldiers, pen and ink change are authorized to the ARNG Kicker Contract (Annex K to DD Form 4) by adding a new paragraph entitled Paragraph d "College First", under Section III Acknowledgement/Eligibility, Paragraph 3

(Ink Change) d. Non-Prior Service (NPS) College First Program. I am a NPS "College First" Soldier, Category I-III A (50 or higher on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) enlistee, enlisting into a valid position vacancy into a ARNG Kicker critical MOS and MTOE unit, ____ (initials), \$ 350 rate.

4. Kicker Control number for Soldiers contracting under "College First" are requested and automatically generated through iMARC (<https://minuteman.ngb.army.mil>). There has been an update added to iMARC to request or enter a kicker control number for "College First" enlistment option.

5. All suspension, termination and recoupment rules applicable to the ARNG GI Bill Kicker apply to College First Enlistees. In addition, College First Enlistees who fail to remain a student in good standing during their contract period are subject to having their ARNG Kicker lowered to the \$200 rate if they are in a critical MOS. If a College First Enlistee fails to meet the 6 year military service obligation, they are subject to recoupment.

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Statement of Understanding for National Guard College First (NGCF) Program

All ARNG applicants enlisting under the College First program must initial each of the following items to ensure their understanding and compliance with this program. States are responsible for tracking the stabilization period of NGCF enlistments and ensuring Soldiers meet the criteria to remain in a non-deployable status.

Initial One of the Following:

_____ "I am enlisting in the National Guard College First Enlistment Option under the 6X2 or 8X0 enlistment option. I understand that I am entitled to 2 years of stabilization and must be a full-time college student in good standing in order to remain eligible for this option."

OR

_____ "I am enlisting in the National Guard College First Enlistment Option under the 3X5 or 4X4 enlistment option. I understand that I am entitled to 1 year of stabilization and must be a full-time college student in good standing in order to remain eligible for this option."

Initial All of the Following:

_____ I am a NPS HSDG (or a graduating HSSR) and scored a 50 or higher on the ASVAB (Cat I-III A).

_____ I agree to complete IADT thru-ticket (the split training option is not authorized for CF enlistments).

_____ I am eligible to receive a \$350 Montgomery G.I. Bill Kicker if I enlist for at least 6 years (6X2 or 8X0) into a critical MOS authorized by the State.

_____ I understand that the stabilization period exempts me from current mobilization authority (OIF/OEF) but **does not** exempt me from a **new** federal mobilization under Presidential or Secretary of Defense authority, or State mobilization under gubernatorial authority.

_____ I must be accepted at a college or university that is accredited by the U.S. Department of Education within 90 days of completion of Advanced Individual Training (AIT) and provide a copy of the acceptance letter to the State MGIB Manager.

_____ I must remain a full-time student in good standing for the duration of my stabilization period and provide the State MGIB Manager with a copy of my school transcripts at the end of every semester.

_____ I must remain in an active drilling status during my stabilization period.

_____ I understand that failure to maintain these standards for the NGCF program may void my stabilization period and cause me to be subject to deployment and that my MGIB kicker may be eliminated or reduced to the \$200 rate.

_____ Print Name (Last, First, MI)

_____ Signature

_____ Date